

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Y. TERAHAMA, et al
Serial No.: Not yet assigned
Filed: May 2, 2001
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONNECTING TERMINALS
IN A REMOTE CONSULTING SYSTEM
Group: 2152
Examiner: T. Vu

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

May 2, 2001

Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted prior to the Rule 53(b) Continuation Application filed on even date.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert before the first line of the specification the following:

-- This is a continuation of application Serial No.
08/934,063, filed September 19, 1997. --

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 2-8 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof.

REMARKS

Entry of the above amendments prior to examination is respectfully requested.

Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (520.35693CX1).

Respectfully submitted,

ANTONELLI, TERRY, STOUT & KRAUS, LLP



Carl I. Brundidge
Registration No. 29,621

CIB/jdc
(703) 312-6600